

CROSSROADS NEWSLETTER

September 25, 2013



Crossroads Family,

I had the privilege of speaking to the Upper School students at the first three chapels of the year to lay out the theme for CCS this year. Our theme is “5 Stones” and is based on 1 Samuel 17:40, which states, “Then he took his staff in his hands, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd’s bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.” This verse comes from the story of David as he was preparing to face Goliath. David chose five smooth stones that he knew would do the job against the Philistine and bring him the victory.

As it was with David then, so it is with us today. David was ready for his “Goliath” moment, and my desire is for our students to be ready for their “Goliath” when it comes. Our “5 Stones” cover the areas of attitude, discipline, communication, preparation, and humility. It is through these areas that we can be ready for our “Goliath” moments when the time comes. We must focus on each one of these areas in our lives if we want to be all that the Lord wants us to be.



I have provided the PowerPoint presentation to be placed on our website so that students (and parents!) can view it. The videos are not embedded in the presentation to keep the download size to a minimum, but all the videos & the PowerPoint presentation are available at <http://ccscolts.org/site/information/newsletters>.

In Christ,

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General Announcements



The annual CCS Fall Festival takes place on Friday, October 4, from 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. This year’s festival will include hayrides, four bounce houses, the cake walk, face painting, pick-up ducks, and many more exciting games. There will also be plenty of food and fellowship at the event. The cost of an arm band to be able to participate in the events is \$10 (cake walk, jail, and pie-in-the-face is not included in the arm band price). All proceeds go to support CCS athletics.

2013-2014 Yearbooks Now on Sale

Order your 2013-2014 “Our Roots” yearbook today! The fall cost is \$50 per book, and order forms are available on the school website at: <http://ccscolts.org/site/student-life/yearbook/>. Students can choose to add 1 line of personalization for \$6. Please fill out your form and submit your payment to your child’s homeroom teacher. Payment can be in the form of cash or check payable to Crossroads Christian School with “Yearbook” noted on the memo line. The fall deadline for these forms is **Friday, October 11**, to secure the early bird price of \$50/book. See the school website for details, and any additional questions can be addressed to the yearbook adviser, Mrs. Cooper, at rcooper@ccscolts.org.



Henderson Police Visit CCS Kindergarten Classes



Kindergarten recently studied Community Helpers in Social Studies. One community helper that was discussed was a police officer.

Marcus Barrow, Police Chief in Henderson, came to visit both classes on September 18. The students enjoyed hearing about bicycle safety and how obeying the law keeps us safe. The students were able to ask questions with regard to the job of a police officer. After the presentation, both classes went outside and caught all the bad guys and robbers we could find on the playground! 😊

Thank you, Mr. Barrow!

CCS Student Awarded Girl Scout Silver Award

Brittany Overby, a freshman at CCS, has been awarded one of the Girl Scout's highest honors, the Girl Scout Silver Award. The award is given to young women who demonstrate self-discipline, time management, originality, initiative, and a significant mastery of skills. A long term service project is also required to achieve the award.

Brittany's Silver Award project was in conjunction with eight other scouts, and as a group they called themselves the Cadet Crusaders. Instead of choosing one service project to work on as a group, they chose to do five projects to help the community. The areas that they addressed were as follows:

- Helping a men's homeless shelter by donating items.
- Building and painting 14 dog houses to help the Vance county animal shelter.
- Donating food, assisting with a food drive, and helping at a soup kitchen to feed the hungry.
- Visiting a senior home and playing cards, singing, and talking to the seniors living at the home.
- Making bags for cancer patients to use during their treatments.

CCS is proud of Brittany and the work that she did to achieve this honor!



Recreation and Outdoor Club (ROC Club)

The CCS Recreation and Outdoor Club (the ROC) held its first meeting during lunch on Thursday, August 29.

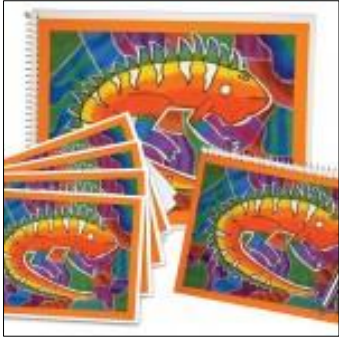
The students' first activity was joining the Carolina Sailing Club for their "Learn to Sail" clinic on Saturday, September 21. Six CCS students attended the clinic, and all involved had a great time and learned about something new. They especially enjoyed watching two of their teachers (Mrs. Cooper and former CCS Spanish teacher Rollie Whalen) capsize their sailboat in the lake! Senior Allie Broome said she enjoyed the event, "But I was surprised at how much work sailing actually is!" The club would like to thank the Wille family for this opportunity and the organization of the event.

Our first trip will take place on Saturday, October 26 to Grandfather Mountain. The trip cost is \$25 per student. Students will attend an eco-tour, eat lunch at the Grandfather Mountain State Park, hike, and cross the Mile High Swinging Bridge. If you are interested in attending or chaperoning, please contact Mrs. Cooper.

Other trips for the 2013-2014 school year will include a ski trip and white-water rafting at the US National Whitewater Center in Charlotte, NC. If you are interested in chaperoning, speaking at a ROC event, or would like more information about the club, please contact Rilla Cooper at rcooper@ccscolts.org.



Original Works Art Program



In business since 1989, **Original Works** currently partners with thousands of schools and hundreds of thousands of students each year. Through the Original Works program, students have the opportunity to have their very own artwork reproduced onto a variety of high quality products.

The products range from iPhone covers, magnets, mugs, and mouse pads, ceramic tiles, t-shirts, note cards, and nearly two dozen other products. Each child is eligible to participate in this wonderful program.

Once the artwork is created, parents and children select which product or products they would like to feature their artwork.

The program is designed to encourage creativity and student self-esteem. The resulting products make unique gifts that are practical for any season or occasion.

Complete details on the program will be sent home in late October. Proceeds from the program will be used to purchase additional art supplies for our Art program. If your Upper School student is not enrolled in art class 2nd quarter, please contact Mrs. Newbern at anewbern@ccscolts.org for ordering instructions. For more information on Original Works, please visit their website at <http://www.originalworks.com/>.

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts - Last call for doughnut orders!

The juniors have been raising money for the Junior/Senior Prom by selling doughnuts. All orders are due by the end of the school day on Thursday, September 26. There are three options being offered this year. All three options will be delivered to homerooms on **Tuesday, October 1**.

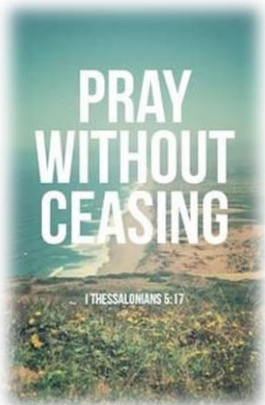


1. Purchase a dozen of *Original Glazed*® doughnuts to be delivered to your child's homeroom. (\$7.00 each)
2. Purchase a Certificate that can be redeemed at your convenience at any participating Krispy Kreme store for a dozen of *Original Glazed*® doughnuts. (\$7.00 each)
3. Purchase a 'Partnership Card' that is good for one free dozen of *Original Glazed*® with the purchase of any dozen variety. This is good for **TEN** free dozen and is the best value. (\$12.00 each card—makes a great Christmas present 😊).

Order forms can be found on the CCS website. Have your child turn them in to his/her homeroom teacher. Thank you for supporting our juniors in this yummy endeavor!

Any questions can be directed to Mr. Russell (rrussell@ccscolts.org) or Mrs. O'Steen (josteen@ccscolts.org).

Parents in Prayer



Parents/guardians are invited to join us in prayer for our school family each Tuesday morning at 8:00 a.m. in the Mac Lab.

It is a time of prayer and fellowship as we lift up the needs of our people and praise God for what he is doing.

If you have a prayer request or have questions about Parents in Prayer, please email Rene Sams at bsams1@nc.rr.com. We would love to hear your praise reports, too!

Easy Ways to Support CCS

CCS realizes the sacrifice that most families make in order to attend a Christian school. We understand that all families are not able to give to the school financially, but there are many other ways to help CCS at no additional cost to you!

- **Box Tops for Education**

Classrooms will earn \$.10 for each box top with the Box Tops for Education logo printed on it. Please turn in box tops to your child's homeroom teacher. You can sign up online to print coupons, shop online, and track the school's earnings. Upper school grades are now participating as well!

- **Box Tops Marketplace**

Shop online at your favorite stores through the Box Tops Marketplace, and CCS will earn cash on every qualifying purchase. At the Box Tops Marketplace, you can shop at over 70 online stores like iTunes, Oriental Trading Co., Office Depot, and Barnes & Noble, and a percentage of each purchase goes back to your school!

- **Tyson Project A+**

We get \$.24 for each TYSON chicken label. Look for the little black box that says PROJECT A+ and the 1-2-3. Turn in labels to your child's homeroom teacher or drop them off in the school office.

- **Labels for Education**

Clip and save UPCs and beverage caps from participating products (Campbell's, Pepperidge Farms, etc.). CCS earns points that can be redeemed for free school equipment. Sign up online to track our school's progress and to find out more information about the program. Download a list of participating products.

- **Grocery Store Reward Cards**

Register your reward cards at Food Lion and Harris Teeter, and the school will earn money each time you shop!

- Food Lion MVP Card – Our school number is #212821.
- Harris Teeter VIC Card – Our school number is # 8206.

- **Target REDcard**

Sign up for Target's *Take Charge of Education* program and designate CCS (# 126137) as your school. Target will donate 1% of your Target REDcard (credit card, check card, Visa card, or business card) purchases at any Target store and Target.com, and ½% of your Target Visa® REDcard purchases made everywhere else. To sign up, go to www.target.com/tcoe.

CCS Booster Club Information



The Crossroads Christian School Booster Club was formed in 2006 out of a passion and love for kids and athletics. The Booster Club funds the athletics program at CCS. With the help of many past and current families, these are just a few things that have been accomplished:

- Bleachers for baseball, softball & soccer fields
- Dugouts on baseball & softball fields
- Uniforms for each sport (middle school, JV & varsity)
- Floor reconditioning in the gym (yearly)
- Scoreboards for baseball & softball (2011-2012)
- Dues & membership fees for our conferences
- Athletic Banquet at the end of each year- We provide dinner for all athletes and coaches, awards, trophies, lanyards for each athlete, letters and pins, and gifts for coaches.
- Outdoor concession stand
- Two batting cages
- Athletic equipment
- Sand & dirt for fields
- Transportation (Gas & Bus Driver)
- Cost of Officials at each game

This year is no different; the Booster Club needs your help! The athletic budget for this year is over \$25,000! Here are a few ways that you can help the Booster Club have a successful year and reach its goals:

1. The very BEST fundraiser is the concession stand at the NC State Football Stadium! There are 5 home games left this year. It takes 18-20 people to work each game. NC State provides the stand and the food, and the Booster Club provides the workers. We receive 10% of sales and average a profit of around \$1,200 per game. This means we can raise approximately \$10,000 (average) towards our goal! We are always looking for families to get involved and spend time with us at the games as we fellowship with one another and earn money for the Booster Club.

The **next** opportunity to volunteer is this Saturday, and we need more help! Please contact Rene Sams (bsams1@nc.rr.com; 252-425-8362) or Joseph Cooper (jcooper@ccscolts.org; 252-431-1333) to volunteer.

NC State Football – Home Game Schedule

09/28 - NC State vs. Central Michigan – 3:30

10/12 - NC State vs. Syracuse – TBA

11/02 - NC State vs. North Carolina – TBA

11/23 – NC State vs. East Carolina – TBA

11/30 – NC State vs. Maryland – TBA

2. CCS Concessions & Admissions- Each class (homeroom) is assigned a home game to work concessions & admissions. Please see your child's homeroom teacher to sign up.
3. Join the Booster Club and get FREE Admission to the HOME games! (Applications online @ CCS website)
4. CCS Fall Festival - The annual CCS Fall Festival is taking place on Friday, October 4, from 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. This year's events will include hayrides, four bounce houses, cake walk, face painting, pick-up ducks, and many more exciting games. There will also be plenty of food and fellowship at the event. The cost of the event is \$10 for an all-event arm band. All proceeds go to support CCS athletics.

Thank you in advance for your help and support of the CCS Athletics Program...**GO COLTS!!!**

Athletics

We want to say a big **“Thank You”** to everyone who has helped with the admissions and concessions for our home games this fall. This has been instrumental in our Booster Club's success this fall.

It is hard to believe but fall sports are already over half over! Each team has grown considerably and is fun to watch. If you haven't seen them yet, please make it a point to take some games in.

Middle school volleyball is still undefeated! With an impressive 8-0 overall record, it's starting to look like their September 27 match at home against Lee Christian could be for the conference championship! Keep up the great work.

Our JV volleyball team suffered an early season injury to one of our key players, Shelby Jones. However, other girls have stepped up and played quite well at the moment as evidenced by a big win over Neuse Christian on Tuesday night.

Varsity volleyball is in the midst of a winning streak with recent wins over Community Christian and Neuse Christian. Many of our younger players are stepping up, and Michaela Nicholas has been serving the ball extremely well.



Lastly, please remember that volunteering at the NC State football games in the concessions is our biggest fundraiser for athletics. It helps keep our athletic fees low and our program running. Please find a game to volunteer and see what you've been missing out on! They are a lot of fun. The next game is this Saturday, September 28, at 3:30 p.m. against Central Michigan. We need more volunteers. If you are interested in helping at any of the remaining NC State football games, please contact Joseph Cooper at jcooper@ccscolts.org.



GO, COLTS!

Important Dates

September 25	See You at the Pole
October 2	Juniors & Seniors: NRCA College Fair Field Trip
October 4	Last day to place orders for NHS fundraiser (Mixed Bag Designs)
October 4	Fall Festival (3:30 – 6:30 pm)
October 7	Senior Parents' Meeting (6:00 p.m. – library)
October 11	Grandparents Day
October 11	Half Day – End of Quarter
October 14	Fall Break – No School
October 15	Fall Break/Teacher Workday – No School
October 16	PSAT – 10 th and 11 th Grades
October 22 & 23	Juniors & Seniors: Tours of App. State, Montreat, & Biltmore House
Nov. 10-12	NHS: ACSI High School Leadership Conference in Goshen, VA